

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
**Lynden, Washington**  
**July 26, 2020**

**CHURCH FAMILY & PRAYER CLOSET**

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Todd & Emma W on the birth of a son, Frank William, born on July 24, 2020.
- **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THE FOLLOWING:**
  - Johanna R will celebrate her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, July 31.
  - Ron S will celebrate his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Saturday, August 1.
- **THANK YOU** to God sparing, success and healing. Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Lynden for prayers, calls and cards of encouragement. ~ Mick V
- **DEALING WITH HEALTH ISSUES:** Ruth B (fractured hip)
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** John B (continuing chemotherapy), Susan B (continuing radiation and immunotherapy), Rick B (cancer dormant/subsiding), Pastor Phil K (former First CRC pastor - starting immunotherapy), Al M (First CRC missionary - undergoing chemo and immunotherapy in AZ)
- **ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:**
  - Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
  - Christian Health Care – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R, Joanne V
  - Cordata Court – Diane S
  - Lynden Manor – Anna G, Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Janet V, Cora V, Albert V
  - Meadow Greens – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V
  - Orchard Park – Eleanor & Carol Z
- **SHUT-IN MEMBERS:** Pray for those separated from loved ones and assistance.
- **CARE HOME AND MEDICAL FIELD WORKERS:**
  - St. Joseph's Hospital – Kim E, Kim A, Riley S, Roger P
  - Christian Health Care Center – Julie S, Kari H, Anna E
  - Meadow Greens – John & Karen M
  - Stafford House – Janice S
  - Cascade Connections – Tiffany B
- **ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading to bring the man of His choosing to First CRC.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **MOMS@1<sup>st</sup>:** Pray for God to nurture a fruitful ministry to all the moms and children involved, especially now as they minister to them remotely.
- **HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP:** Pray that God would open doors for the Gospel to reach the Hausa people in northern Nigeria.
- **FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:** Jeff & Melissa, Ray & Angie, Steve & Sandy, Gary & Mary, Memli & Luiza, Al & Julie, Tim & Charlene, Eric & Penny, Mitchell & Rochelle, John & Jean, Ken & Chris, Snehakunja Home

## SERVE@HOME

We have some exciting things planned for SERVE@Home this year! We will be sending out small family-based groups to some of the same work sites that we have been able to work with in the past. With the current restrictions, we are preparing this year's SERVE experience in a way that will meet all restrictions and safety regulations in order to abide by all of the laws and keep everyone involved safe. In order to do this, we have broken the worksites into smaller segmented projects. We will ask for volunteers to come work for three-hour blocks of time so that we can work with smaller groups. The SERVE theme material for the year will also be covered during the two-week period that SERVE will be happening. We look forward to SERVing with you!

### • **WORKSITES FOR 2020:**

#### Project 1: Project Hope

- 4 groups total: August 1 AM & PM, August 8 AM & PM
- Work activities include: cutting down a tree, stump removal, weeding, trimming, cleaning cement pads, removing debris

#### Project 2: Forest Court

- 1 group: August 1 or August 8
- Work activities include: weeding, cleaning debris, sweeping sidewalks

#### Project 3: Front Street/Terrace Drive

- 2 groups: August 8 AM & PM
- Work activities include: trimming, edging, weeding, pressure washing, window cleaning, painting

#### Project 4: Cedar Springs

- 2 groups: August 1 AM & PM
- Work activities include: edging, adding gravel to walkway, weeding, general garden cleanup

#### Project 5: Telos Fellowship

- 4 groups: August 1 AM & PM, August 8 AM & PM
- Work activities include: tree trimming, shrub trimming, weeding, removal of old sign

#### Project 6: Lynden home

- 1 group: August 1
- Work activities include: scraping, priming, and painting tool shed; cleanup around shed

### • **SIGN UP NOW!**

Please contact Molly H to sign up or if you have any questions. If you or your family would like to sign up to work at a specific site or at a specific time, let Molly know as well. **Please note that we need you to sign up before this Tuesday night.** Also note that you are more than welcome to sign up for more than one time slot!

### • **SERVE DEVOTIONALS:**

For the next two weeks the devotionals will be prepared by the Serve Team and follow the Serve theme. Please pray for these two weeks that God will use our efforts to glory Himself and bless our flock and our community as He has in past years.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • **BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION:**

Do you remember those baby bottles you filled for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Center back in March? Dig out those bottles – we are finally collecting them! Please place bottles in the marked containers in the back of church. You are welcome to bring them when you come to worship or drop them off at the church office on Mondays or Thursdays. Please have all bottles returned to church by July 31. Thank you!

## **WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH INFORMATION**

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:**

On July 26 and August 2 there will be two identical worship services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. During the hour in between the worship services, touchable surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned. Please refer to the letter from the elders that you received via email or printed copy for complete details. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact your district elder. The congregation has been divided alphabetically. Please note your assigned service below:

July 26	9:00 a.m. Communion service	last names L-Z
	11:00 a.m. Communion service	last names A-K
August 2	9:00 a.m. service	last names A-K
	11:00 a.m. service	last names L-Z

- **CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER:**

This Sunday July 26 we look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper together in both services. To do so in as safe a manner as possible the elders will distribute the elements to each person. They will wear facemasks and gloves as they walk down the empty pews and hand out the elements.

- **STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

For those that do not feel comfortable or are unable to attend worship, the worship service will be live-streamed at **9:00 a.m. and be replayed at 11:00 a.m. using the same live stream link.**

The service can be viewed at the following link or on our website:

[https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccdy\\_5?preview=1](https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/F9Dehosccdy_5?preview=1)

Past streamed services are available to view at the following link or on our website:

[https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln\\_2\\_1?preview=1](https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/list/WxsdDd/mc8FcKJsixL/OFrOSgTsiln_2_1?preview=1)

- **TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS:**

The church office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the voicemail and email will continue to be checked regularly. We encourage you to leave a message or email if you have any needs, prayer requests, or questions.

- **OFFERINGS AND WAYS TO GIVE:**

\*\* The Deacons thank First CRC for the generous giving through this pandemic. It truly is a reflection of God's love and is such a reassurance in a strange time. We, the Deacons, have a small request. In order to keep the "books" straight, it would be preferable to have a check designated to each offering including one for green and one for blue envelopes as it would be if we were attending worship under normal circumstances. One check with a note for it to be broken up into multiple giving opportunities creates a difficulty when it comes to recording and reconciling. Thank you for your consideration.

\*\* Titles and offering can be now be given on Sundays in the back of church, or you are welcome to mail them to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), drop them off at church (place in the outside mailbox), use a bill pay service, or electronically with Tithe.ly ([www.tithe.ly](http://www.tithe.ly)) or on the app). If you have questions about these options, contact any deacon or the church office.

July 26 – Benevolence

August 2 – Christian School Tuition Assistance

- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

If you or someone in our church family needs financial assistance during this economic crisis, do not hesitate to contact a deacon. They are ready to help in any way they can.

- **NON-PICTURE DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED IN AUGUST:**

The office has been working on updating our non-picture directory. If you or someone you know that is not on the church email list, have any corrections or items you would like to add (email, cell number, etc.), please contact the church office.

- **FLOWERS FOR CHURCH:**

If you have any issues getting your flowers to church, please contact the church office.

Upcoming flower schedule:

- July 26 – Liz V
- August 2 – Peggy B
- August 9 – Lori S
- August 16 – Jan B
- August 23 – Meredith Z
- August 30 – Jan B

- **CHURCH CONTACT AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION:**

Office Phone	360-354-4560 (For all office staff)
Church Email	<a href="mailto:info@firstcrclinden.org">info@firstcrclinden.org</a>
Church Website	<a href="http://www.firstcrclinden.org">www.firstcrclinden.org</a>
Church Facebook Page	First Christian Reformed Church – Lynden ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/First-Christian-Reformed-Church-Lynden-108591740760643/">https://www.facebook.com/First-Christian-Reformed-Church-Lynden-108591740760643/</a> )
Church Instagram	firstcrclinden ( <a href="https://www.instagram.com/firstcrclinden/">https://www.instagram.com/firstcrclinden/</a> )